

# The President's Letter

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Asbury Theological Seminary has passed through another busy summer in her building program. The concentration of effort has been upon the completion of two of the four new buildings. It was the hope at commencement that we might have both of these buildings, the H. C. Morrison Memorial Administration Building and the Betty Morrison Memorial Hall, completed by the opening of the fall quarter on September 16th.

An overtime schedule in the work was maintained on both buildings until the first of August. A careful survey of the situation on the first of August resulted in some re-adjustments in plans. It was then evident that it would hardly be possible to have both buildings ready for occupancy by September 16th. The date for the opening of school was moved to September the 23rd. The workmen were withdrawn from the Betty Morrison Hall and efforts were concentrated on the administration building in order to make it ready for occupancy by September the 23rd. As the *Seminarian* goes to press, victory is in sight for the occupancy of the administration building on September the 23rd, although it will not be entirely completed. It will require but a few weeks to complete the finishing touches of this beautiful building.

The official opening of the new administration building will be held on October 29. This event will be preceded by a Board meeting on October 28. Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis will be one of the principal speakers in connection with the ceremonies. A feature of the ceremonies will be the inaugural addresses of new professors. A large number of visitors are expected to be present at this significant event in the history of the seminary. Visitors who plan to be in attendance should write to Dean W. T. Turkington, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, relative to arrangements for entertainment.

With the opening of the fall quarter, we have on the staff four new faculty members. W. C. Mavis, M.Th., Ph.D. comes to the seminary as Dean of John Wesley Seminary Foundation and Professor of Pastoral Counseling. J. Harold Greenlee, B. D., Ph. D., is the new Professor of New Testament Greek. Rodney Long, A. B., B. D., comes to us as Assistant in Music. Claude H. Thompson, A. B., B. D., with residence work completed for the Ph. D. degree at Drew University, is the new Professor of Doctrine.

The large relief which comes to us this fall in the completion of two new buildings, still does not meet our need for room to care for the increasing number of young people who are applying to us for admission to the seminary. We have had approximately fifty percent more applications for admission at the opening of the fall quarter than we have room to accommodate, even with our additional buildings. We stand in urgent need of an additional apartment house and a dormitory for girls.

The present financial campaign of the seminary is taking into account the

long range view of the needs of the seminary for the next twenty years. A conservative estimate of our needs for immediate buildings to care for students now seeking admission and for the establishment of the School of Missions, the School of Evangelism, and the School of Sacred Music, is one million dollars. The members of our faculty have sensed this need, and have offered to the Board of Trustees their full cooperation and support in an overall campaign to raise this amount. This is undoubtedly a challenge to stir every friend of the seminary throughout the nation to a high endeavor to attain this worthy goal. The attainment of such a goal would mean a great victory for the cause of evangelical Christianity throughout the world.

The seminary is now soliciting enrollments among her friends throughout the world in the Asbury Theological Seminary Prayer League. We recognize that it has been through the prayers of our friends that the work of the seminary has been making encouraging progress along so many lines. So far as is possible we are now seeking to enroll the names of the many friends who are praying daily for the work of the seminary. The covenant for the Asbury Seminary Prayer League is as follows:

"In order to promote a spirit-filled, soul saving, true to the Bible ministry throughout the world, I hereby enroll with others in the Asbury Theological Seminary Prayer League and express it as my purpose to pray daily for the seminary:

- "1. That the seminary may ever remain true to the full gospel of salvation from all sin through the merits of the atoning blood of Christ.
- "2. That the needs of the seminary may be met to do the work which it may please God to accomplish through the seminary.
- "3. That the Holy Spirit may enable me to do whatsoever the Lord would have me do for the work of the seminary.
- "4. That Asbury Theological Seminary may be used in a mighty way in the spread of a Holy Ghost revival over the world.

"Name .....

"Address ....."

We need money for new buildings and the expansion of the seminary, but even more than money, we need the prayers of our friends. Those who are interested in widening the sphere of influence of our Prayer League, should send to the seminary for a free supply of leaflets of the Asbury Theological Seminary Prayer League.

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